

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1        1. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a user system capable of  
2 communicating over a network, comprising:
  - 3                 receiving, in the user system, a control message for a call session over the  
4 network;
  - 5                 receiving one or more predetermined criteria entered by a user through a user  
6 interface of the user system;
  - 7                 comparing, by a rules engine executable in the user system, information in the  
8 control message against the one or more predetermined criteria; and
  - 9                 loading a web page, in the user system, based on the comparison by the rules  
10 engine of information in the control message with the one or more predetermined criteria.
- 1        2. (Cancelled)
- 1        3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein loading the web page  
2 includes launching a web browser to perform a service separate from and in addition to call  
3 control and status and media-related tasks.
- 1        4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending one or more  
2 messages in response to the control message to establish a call session.
- 1        5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message  
2 includes receiving a message according to a predetermined protocol for establishing a real-time  
3 audio-based interactive communications session.
- 1        6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message  
2 includes receiving a message for establishing a real-time text-based communications session.

1           7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message  
2 includes receiving a message according to a Session Initiation Protocol.

1           8. (Cancelled)

1           9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising receiving,  
2 through the user interface, a name of a software routine corresponding to the web browser to be  
3 launched.

1           10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising receiving user-  
2 defined data from the user interface, the user-defined data for passing to the launched web  
3 browser.

1           11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message is  
2 performed by a protocol-aware module and comparing the information is performed by a  
3 separate module.

1           12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the information in the  
2 control message includes comparing an identifier of a caller.

1           13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the information in the  
2 control message includes comparing an identifier of a callee.

1           14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the  
2 information in the control message includes comparing information selected from the group  
3 consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority, and message direction.

1           15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising launching different ones of  
2 plural routines based on the comparison of the control message information with the one or more  
3 predetermined criteria.

1           16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message  
2 includes receiving a Session Initiation Protocol Invite request.

1           17. (Previously Presented) A user system comprising:  
2           a processor;  
3           a web browser executable on the processor;  
4           a user interface to receive a set of one or more user-defined rules;  
5           a network interface to receive a call request over a network;  
6           a protocol-aware module executable on the processor to process the call request;

7 and

8           a rules processing module executable on the processor to compare information in  
9 the call request with the set of one or more user-defined rules, and to invoke the web browser  
10 based on comparing the information in the call request with the set of one or more user-defined  
11 rules.

1           18. (Cancelled)

1           19. (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the web browser  
2 performs a task that is separate from and in addition to call control, call status, and media-related  
3 services.

1           20. (Cancelled)

1           21. (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the user interface is  
2 adapted to receive a name of a software routine corresponding to the web browser to be invoked.

1           22. (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 21, wherein the user interface is  
2 further capable of receiving user-defined data to pass with the launching of the web browser.

1           23. (Cancelled)

1           24. (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the call request  
2 includes a Session Initiation Protocol Invite request.

1           25. (Previously Presented) An article including one or more storage media containing  
2 instructions for controlling a user device in a communications system having a network, the  
3 instructions when executed causing the user device to:

4                 transmit a control message according to a predetermined protocol for establishing  
5 a call session over the network;

6                 provide a user interface in the user device to receive one or more predetermined  
7 user-defined rules;

8                 compare information in the control message with one or more predetermined  
9 user-defined rules; and

10                 load a web page in response to comparing the information in the control message  
11 with the one or more predetermined user-defined rules.

1           26. (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol provides  
2 for real-time interactive communications sessions.

1           27. (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol provides  
2 for text-based chat sessions.

1           28. (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol includes a  
2 Session Initiation Protocol.

1        29. (Currently Amended) A data signal embodied in a carrier wave and comprising  
2 instructions for controlling a user device in a communications system, the instructions when  
3 executed causing the user device to:

4              receive a call request according to a first protocol;  
5              provide a user interface to receive one or more user criteria;  
6              perform a rules check of information in the call request by comparing invoking a  
7 rules engine to compare information in the call request with the one or more user criteria; and  
8              launch a web browser based on the rules check performed by the rules engine.

1        30. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
2              a plurality of software routines;  
3              a storage device containing user-entered rules including a first set of rules and a  
4 second set of rules; and

5              a controller adapted to:  
6                  receive one of an inbound and outbound message;  
7                  compare information in the message with the user-entered rules;  
8                  launch a first software routine [[if]] in response to the controller  
9 determining that the first set of rules is satisfied; and [[to]]  
10                  launch a second software routine [[if]] in response to the controller  
11 determining that the second set of rules is satisfied.

1        31. (Previously Presented) A user system comprising:  
2              a web browser;  
3              a network interface to transmit a call request for establishing a call session over a  
4 network;  
5              a user interface to receive user-entered rules;  
6              a storage device to store the user-entered rules; and  
7              a controller adapted to compare information in the call request with the user-  
8 entered rules and to load a web page in the web browser in response to the comparing.

1       32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a  
2 uniform resource locator (URL) through the user interface, wherein loading the web page  
3 includes opening the web page specified by the URL received through the user interface.

1       33. (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the user interface is  
2 adapted to receive a uniform resource locator (URL), and wherein the web browser invoked  
3 based on the comparing is adapted to open a web page specified by the received URL.

1       34. (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 17, wherein the one or more  
2 user-defined rules are selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message  
3 priority, and message direction.

1       35. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 25, wherein the instructions when  
2 executed cause the user device to further receive a uniform resource locator (URL) through the  
3 user interface, wherein loading the web page includes opening a web page specified by the URL  
4 received through the user interface.

1       36. (Previously Presented) The data signal of claim 29, wherein the instructions  
2 when executed cause the user device to further receive a uniform resource locator (URL) through  
3 the user interface, wherein launching the web browser includes opening a web page specified by  
4 the URL received through the user interface.

1       37. (Previously Presented) The data signal of claim 29, wherein the one or more user  
2 criteria are selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority,  
3 and message direction.

1       38. (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 31, wherein the user interface is  
2 adapted to receive a uniform resource locator (URL), and wherein the web page loaded in  
3 response to the comparing is specified by the received URL.

1           39. (Previously Presented) The user system of claim 31, wherein the user-entered  
2 rules are selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority, and  
3 message direction.